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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note that these claim amendments assume entry of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Please amend Claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 as follows:

A1 3. (Amended) A steel wire according to claim 1, wherein said polymer is a thermoplastic polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate and polyethylene naphthenate.

A2 5. (Amended) A steel wire according to claim 1, wherein said coloring agent is organic.

6. (Amended) A steel wire according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate coating is a metallic coating such as a copper coating, a copper alloy coating, a zinc

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